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Please add the following new paragraph after the "TITLE OF THE INVENTION" paragraph on page 1, lines 1-3:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a U.S. National Phase application under 35 U.S.C. §371 of PCT Application No. PCT/US2004/022911, filed July 16, 2004, which claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 from U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/489313, filed July 22, 2003.

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Please replace the abstract with the following amended abstract:

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Certain novel piperidine derivatives are agonists of the human melanocortin receptor(s) and, in particular, are selective agonists of the human melanocortin-4 receptor (MC-4R). They are therefore useful for the treatment, control, or prevention of diseases and disorders responsive to the activation of MC-4R, such as obesity, diabetes, sexual dysfunction, including erectile dysfunction and female sexual dysfunction.